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## **AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 4, 2003, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet for the abstract following page 12 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.